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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. _____

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION commemorating Dr. Martin
Luther King Jr. Day.

*Whereas, January 19, 2015, will mark the 30th national
celebration of the holiday for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and
his fight for civil and human rights;*

*Whereas, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the Civil Rights
Movement serve as a model of principled leadership and
forward-thinking public policy;*

*Whereas, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was one of our
nation's truly great leaders who changed the nation forever
through his leadership, service, and clarity of vision;*

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Whereas, Through his determination, spirit, and resolve, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. helped lift souls and lead one of the greatest movements for equality and freedom in history;

Whereas, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. had many dreams: of an America where "justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream", where neighbors look "beyond the external accidents and discern those inner qualities that make all men human and, therefore, brothers", and of a time when "this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed, 'we hold these truths to be self evident: that all men are created equal'";

Whereas, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. dreamt of a better society where "the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit together at the table of brotherhood";

Whereas, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. believed that liberty, justice, and freedom were the "inalienable rights" to which all men, women, and children are entitled;

Whereas, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a spiritual man who believed that all people are created equal in the sight of God and in the dignity and self-worth of every individual;

Whereas, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his life defending his beliefs;

Whereas, The visions of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. continue to bring hope and inspiration to people of all nations;

Whereas, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. fought to change public policy from the "self-inflicted wound of segregation to the pluralistic diverse democracy" we continue to construct today;

Whereas, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a recipient of the Nobel Prize, is a national hero whose birthday is celebrated as a day of peace, love, and understanding by a grateful nation; and



Whereas, All Americans must continue to gather inspiration from the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and strive to realize his dreams: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. That it is fitting and proper that Dr. Martin Luther
2 King Jr. be remembered and recognized by future generations of
3 Americans.

4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of Dr.
6 Martin Luther King Jr.

